



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

JULY 2004 AGENDA

☒ General Waiver

SUBJECT Request by Culver City Unified School District to waive <i>Education Code</i> (EC) section 37202, the equity length of time requirement, to allow a pilot full day kindergarten program at Farragut, El Rincon, and La Ballona elementary schools. Waiver Number: 11-5-2004	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action
	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent

RECOMMENDATION

☐ Approval ☒ Approval with conditions ☐ Denial

That the district submit an evaluation of the full day kindergarten program before a renewal waiver is considered.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

The SBE has previously approved similar waivers.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

The Culver City Unified School Districts requests a waiver of the equity length of time requirement in order to implement full day kindergartens at three of their five elementary schools, Farragut, El Rincon and La Ballona. The district wants to improve the academic achievement levels for their pupils by increasing the number of instructional minutes for their kindergarten classes. Although the API scores for the district indicate good achievement at all of the district's schools, the schools selected for the pilot each have diverse populations. For example, the 2003 API Base for La Ballona Elementary is 717 with 68% of the population in the Hispanic or Latino subgroup. The highest achieving school in the district is El Marino with a 2003 API of 892 but they did not have the space for the pilot program. Attached for the API's for the district and the three pilot schools. Attached is a chart with specific details of the instructional minutes of the kindergarten pilot program.

All of the school site councils have been informed of the pilot programs and their bargaining units are supportive. The schools chosen for the pilot program had the space available for the full day kindergarten. The district adopted the Early Primary Program, EC 8970-8974, at their February and April 2004 board meetings. The district has an existing open enrollment policy. The district did a parent interest survey and found that the majority of parents support extending the day for kindergarten pupils.

Therefore, the department recommends approval with the condition that before a renewal is considered that the district submit an evaluation of the full day kindergarten.

Authority for Waiver: *Education Code* (EC) Section 33050

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Bargaining unit(s) consulted on date(s): April 29, 2004 and April 30, 2004

Position of bargaining unit(s) (choose only one):

☐

Neutral

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Support

☐

Oppose

Name of bargaining unit/representative(s): David Mielke and Jackie Lee

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

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posting in a newspaper

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posting at each school

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other (specify)

Public hearing held on date(s): May 18, 2004

Local board approval date(s): May 18, 2004

Advisory committee(s) consulted: School site councils

Objections raised (choose one): ☒ None ☐ Objections are as follows:

Date(s) consulted: April – May 2004

Period of request: 08/31/04 to 6/17/05

FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE)

The district is willing to absorb any costs incurred.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Action Item: Some documentation is available for web viewing. Waiver forms and other hard copy documents are available for viewing at the Waiver Office or State Board Office.